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ADLINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OF THE



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1960.

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To:- The Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Adlington.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1960.

The number of live births attributable to the District was the same as the previous year, giving a Birth Rate of 14.7 per 1000 population as compared with the Birth Rate for the country as a whole of 17.1. It is interesting to note that the sex distribution is also the same in both years.

The number of deaths attributable to the District was 6 more than in the year 1959, giving a Death Rate of 13.3 per 1000 population as compared with the Death Rate for the country as a whole of 11.5. It should be noted that 35 of the deaths which occurred were of persons 65 years of age and over. Of these, 4 were 70 or more, 8 were 75 or more, 8 were 80 or more, 3 were over 85 and two were 90 and 97 years of age respectively.

In regard to the causes of death, whilst there were two less than the number of deaths from Coronary Heart Disease in 1959, the number from other forms of heart disease was the same. The number of deaths from malignant neoplasms was increased by two. It is pleasing to report that there were no deaths from tuberculosis. Deaths from other causes show only minor variations.

There were 4 deaths of infants under the age of one year during 1960, there were none in 1959. Two of these were premature twins, a third was a newly-born twin, and the fourth was a baby with congenital heart disease.

During the year two stillbirths were registered as against one the previous year.

In regard to notifications of Infectious Diseases, 58 cases were notified, which were 1 Tuberculosis (a transfer from Horwich) 12 Scarlet Fever, 27 Whooping Cough, 14 Measles, 2 Pneumonia and 2 Dysentery.

Although housing conditions in the District are on the whole reasonable, there are a number of houses which, unless action is taken to prevent further deterioration in their condition, will fall to be dealt with as unfit. It is intended that a further survey be carried out with a view to determining which of these houses are repairable at reasonable cost, and which will have to be represented as being unfit. More advantage might be taken of the Grant Schemes available for modernization. The 8 bungalows for aged persons, the building of which was completed in 1960, should prove to be a very valuable contribution towards meeting the housing needs of old people.

Water samples taken during the year were found to be satisfactory.

The Council are still anxious to press forward with the extension of their sewerage system and sewage disposal works, but the Lancashire River Board have put forward a proposal for a Joint Sewerage Authority for the area north of the River Douglas, which would affect this authority, and the Consultant Engineers' report has not yet been presented.

Implementation of the Clean Air Act 1956 is a matter which I consider still requires further consideration. Pollution of the atmosphere is now regarded as a major cause of ill-health and should be regarded as a matter of much importance.

Attention is still being given to the implementation of the Food Hygiene Regulations, and the retailers are co-operating in this matter.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Officers of the Council for their willing assistance at all times. My thanks are also due to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the support and consideration extended to me.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. WALKER.

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1961.

URBAN DISTRICT OF ADLINGTON

VITAL STATISTICS 1960

Area	...	...	...	1062 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate Mid-1960)	...	...	...	4360
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	1476
Rateable Value at 1st April 1960	...	...	...	£35,017.
Product of 1d Rate	...	...	...	£138-5-4d.
<u>Births</u>				
Live births - Legitimate	...	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Illegitimate	...	28	34	62
		1	1	2
		<u>29</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>64</u>
Birth Rate per 1000 population - Crude = 14.7				
Adjusted = 15.7				
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births = 3.12				
Stillbirths	...	2	-	2
Total live and stillbirths	...			66
Stillbirth Rate per 1000 live births = 30.3				
<u>Deaths</u>				
Deaths of Infants under one year	...	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
do. four weeks	...	2	2	4
do. one week	...	1	2	3
		1	2	3
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births: Total ... 62.5				
Legitimate 62.5				
Illegitimate nil.				
Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1000 live births ... 46.9				
Early neo-natal ditto ... 46.9				
Pre-natal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1000 total live & still births). 75.8				
Maternal deaths (including abortion) ... nil				
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and still births.. nil				
Deaths	...	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
		34	24	58
Death Rate per 1000 population - Crude = 13.3				
Adjusted = 14.8				
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ... 10				
do. Measles	...	...	...	-
do. Whooping Cough	...	...	...	-
do. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	-
do. Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	-
<u>Causes of Death</u>				
Malignant Neoplasms - Stomach	...	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bronchus (Lung)	...	1	-	1
Other	...	2	-	2
		2	5	7
Diabetes	...	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	4	4	8
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	2	2	4
Coronary Disease - Angina	...	5	1	6
Other Heart Disease	...	3	6	9
Other circulatory disease	...	1	1	2
Pneumonia	...	1	1	2
Bronchitis	...	4	-	4
Other diseases of Respiratory system	...	1	-	1
Nephritis	...	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	1	-	1
Congenital malformation	...	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	4	1	5
Accidents (other than motor accidents)	...	-	2	2
Suicide	...	-	1	1
		<u>34</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>58</u>

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	Live Births			Deaths (all causes)			Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
	Number Registered	Rate per 1000		Number registered	Rate per 1000 pop.		Number regist- ered	Rate per 1000 live births	Number of deaths regist- ered.	Rate per 1000 total births	Total		Neo-natal	
											Number of deaths registered	Rate per 1000 live births	Number of deaths regist- ered	Rate per 1000 live births
Year 1960	64	14.7		58	13.3		2	30.3	nil	nil	4	62.5	3	46.9
Year 1959	64	14.8		52	12.0		1	15.4	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Year 1958	61	14.4		47	11.1		nil	nil	nil	nil	1	16	1	16
Year 1957	56	13.4		62	14.9		nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Year 1956	67	16.1		49	11.8		1	15	nil	nil	4	60	2	30
Year 1955	50	12.2		52	12.7		1	20	nil	nil	2	40	1	20
Average 5 years 1955-1959	59.6	14.2		52.4	12.5		0.6	10.1	nil	nil	1.6	23.2	0.8	13.2

Adjusted (Live birth-rate (comparability factor 1.07) = 15.7 per 1000
(Death-rate (comparability factor 1.11) = 14.8 per 1000)

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Staff

Medical Officer of Health:- Dr. J. Walker, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., L.D.S., D.P.D.
Public Health Inspector (Part-time):- Norman R. Bolton, R.S.I.

Laboratory Facilities

Pathological Laboratory, Preston Royal Infirmary.
Public Health Laboratory, Preston Royal Infirmary.
Pathological Laboratory, Bolton Royal Infirmary.

The Public Health laboratory service is directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health, and caters for every aspect of the Public Health work of a Local Authority related to the bacteriological and pathological examination of samples and specimens.

Ambulance Facilities

Provided by the Lancashire County Council Ambulance Service.,
(Chorley Depot) Telephone: Chorley 2744.
All the ambulance vehicles are now radio-controlled from the County Ambulance Headquarters at Broughton.

Nursing in the Home

There is one "District Nurse" practising in the area. She is
Nurse W. Burns, The Bungalow, Town Lane, Charnock Richard. Telephone:
Coppull 423.

Treatment Clinics

The "Minor Ailment" Clinic is held at 20 St. Thomas's Road, Chorley.
Ancillary School Clinics (Orthopaedic, Dental and Eye, etc.) are held
at Chorley and attended by Practitioners of Specialist status.
Attendance is by appointment via School Medical Staff.

Tuberculosis Clinics

The Chest Clinic, 34 St. Thomas's Road, Chorley.
A Chest Physician (Dr. Nicholson) attends.
This Clinic is also used as a consultant Clinic for chest conditions
other than Tuberculosis.

Hospital Facilities

Chorley and District Hospital.
Eaves Lane Hospital, Chorley.
Wigan Infirmary.
Bolton Infirmary.
Preston Royal Infirmary.
Sharoe Green Hospital, Fulwood.
Heath Charnock Hospital.
Whelley Hospital, Wigan.
Isolation Hospital, Deepdale, Preston.
All administered by Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

These Services are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

Domiciliary Facilities.

There is now no County Midwife resident in the District. The service
is provided from adjacent areas.

Ante-Natal Clinics

The large majority of the expectant mothers in the area attend the ante-natal clinic at 2/4 St. Thomas's Square, Chorley, and avail themselves of the facilities provided by the Lancashire County Divisional Health Service.

Maternity Beds.

Normal accommodation is available at Chorley and District Hospital and Eaves Lane Hospital, Chorley. Other hospitals are also available.

Infant Welfare Centres

An Infant Welfare Centre is held weekly (Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.) at the Christ Church Schoolroom, Railway Road, Adlington, and is attended weekly by a Medical Officer of the Lancashire County Council, as well as the County Health Visitor. The Medical Officer is Dr. W. J. O'Neill.

Health Visitor

The County's Health Visitor for the area is Mrs. Ashley, Johnson's Farm, Back Lane, Heath Charnock, Chorley.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The water supply of the area is provided (1) from the Blackrod Reservoir by arrangement with Blackrod Urban District Council, and (2) from a tapping of the conduits taking the Manchester Supply from Thirlmere, by arrangement with Manchester Corporation. The supplies are inter-changeable and complementary.

In 1957 a chlorinating plan was installed at Harding Street Pumphouse which deals with the Thirlmere supply, since which time samples of water have proved satisfactory. The Blackrod supply was already chlorinated and samples taken from that authority were consistently satisfactory.

During the year 5 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological analysis. All were reported to be highly satisfactory.

<u>Location</u>	<u>No. B. Coli per 100ml.</u>	<u>No. faecal Coli per 100ml.</u>	<u>No. of non-faecal Coli per 100ml.</u>	<u>Analyst's remarks.</u>
(2) Council Offices, Railway Road.	0	0	0	Highly satisfactory.
(1) Harding Street Pumphouse.	0	0	0	do.
(2) Railway Hotel, Market Street.	0	0	0	do.

Every house in the area has a "main supply". The average daily consumption was 140,342 gallons, which gives a consumption per head of the population of 32.19 gallons for all purposes.

Joint Water Board

Nothing has yet been settled regarding the formation of a Water Board comprising Chorley Borough, Adlington, Blackrod, Horwich and Withnell Urban Districts, and Chorley Rural District.

Drainage and Sewerage

Only 33 outlying properties are not connected to the sewerage system. Most of these have Septic tanks. Sewerage disposal is by precipitation and filtration over 3 coke filters at the Sewage Disposal Works at Harrison's Farm. The effluent is discharged into the River Douglas. The Sewage Works was modernised in 1931. Further extensions are under consideration; the Council's Consulting Engineers are preparing a Scheme, but the preparation of this is being held up partly by the Lancashire River Board's proposal for a Joint Sewerage Authority for the area north of the River Douglas.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

1591 moveable ashbins are emptied weekly by the Local Authority. The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Council-owned Tip in Bradshaw Fields.

Cleansing of Drains and Closets

Closet accommodation :-

Privy Middens - No. of Middens	...	...	5
No. of Closets attached thereto	...	...	8
No. of Pail Closets	...	...	1
No. of freshwater closets	...	...	1821
No. of waste water closets	...	...	2

The onus for the satisfactory maintenance of drains and closets is upon the property owners and such work is not undertaken by the Local Authority.

Lavatories and Urinals

There are public lavatories at the upper and lower Recreation Grounds, and modern Sanitary Conveniences at Station Road and Babylon Lane. The Conveniences are cleaned daily by the Local Authority's staff. Expense is still being incurred by the wilful damage that is persistently being done to the two modern sanitary conveniences.

Shops and Offices

There are from 90-100 registered Shops in the area. No action was taken under the Shops Acts or Public Health Act, 1936, during the year. The County Council are responsible for the administration of the Shops Acts, your Public Health Inspector acting as their Agent. The Public Health Inspector made 83 visits to these premises during the year.

Camping Sites

There are no camping sites in the area.

Smoke Abatement

No. of factory and Works chimneys in the area	...	4
No. of observations taken during the year	...	16

No legal proceedings were were taken for excessive smoke emissions during the year, but personal contact with the firms and their boiler personnel was maintained by the Public Health Inspector.

Disinfestation of Houses.

One house was found to be slightly infested during the year 1960, and was treated with Pyrethum D.D.T. powder with satisfactory results.

Schools

The water supply of the Schools is from the mains.

The following Schools are within the Urban District :-

Adlington C.E. Infants School.
St. Paul's C.E. Infants School.
St. Paul's C.E. School.

All the Schools have modern sanitary conveniences.

Other Matters

There are in the area no Common Lodging Houses or "Houses let in Lodgings" registered, no swimming baths or pools, no underground sleeping rooms, no premises where rag flock is manufactured, and no premises for the undertaking of offensive trades.

Summary of Sanitary Inspections.

No. of premises visited	...	...	169
No. of visits made to above	...	...	237
No. of Nuisances discovered	...	...	31
No. of Nuisances abated	...	...	29
No. of informal notices served.	...	...	24
No. of Statutory Notices served	...	...	2

There were no legal proceedings for the abatement of nuisances.

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

(1)	By Local Authority	...	...	Nil
(2)	By other Local Authorities	...	...	Nil
(3)	By other bodies or persons	...	...	27

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

(1)	(a) Total No. of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	27
	(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	...	...	36
(2)	Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:			
	(a) No. found during the year	...	...	nil
	(b) No. (or estimated no.) at end of year.	...	...	17
(3)	No. of dwelling houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	27

2. Houses Demolished.

In Clearance Areas - (Housing Act, 1936 and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 :

(1)	Houses unfit for human habitation	...	Nil
(2)	Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	...	Nil
(3)	Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957	...	Nil

Not in Clearance Areas

(4)	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	...	Nil
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3. Unfit Houses Closed.

(1)	Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957.	Nil
(2)	Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	Nil
(3)	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957.	Nil

4. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

		By Owner	By Local Authority
(1)	After informal action by local authority	24	Nil
(2)	After informal notice under -		
	a. Public Health Acts	Nil	Nil
	b. Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil
(3)	Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil

5. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957).

		No. of Houses
Position at end of year :		
(1)	Retained for temporary accommodation	
	(a) Under Section 48	Nil
	(b) Under Section 17(2)	Nil
	(c) Under Section 46	Nil
(2)	Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	Nil

6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased during the year ... Nil.

7. Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants etc.

	Private bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of Schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected	No. of Schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	Nil	Nil	-	-
(b) Approved by local authority	-	-	-	-
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	-	-	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	-	-	-	-
(e) Work completed	-	-	-	-
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above	-	-	-	-
(g) Any other action taken under the Act	...	...	None.	...

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants.

	Private Bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of Schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected.	No. of Schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	5	5	-	-
(b) Approved by local authority	5	5	-	-
(c) Work completed	* 5	5	-	-

* Includes 2 completed in 1960 for which Grants were approved in 1959.

It is expected that applications for Standard Grants will continue to be received in 1961.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

Pre-1914 houses are chiefly stone-built, though some are brick, with slated roofs, 2 or 3 bedroom terraced type without hot water systems or bathrooms. Prevailing defects are dampness. Many of these houses are now owner-occupied and have been partially or completely modernised. There are 302 houses owned by the Council and approximately 300 houses and shops with living accommodation which are not owner-occupied. Most of these houses are well-built and well-maintained. There is no known overcrowding.

A considerable amount of new development has taken place during the last three years for private owners, 47 houses were under construction at the end of 1960 (most of these are bungalows or semi-bungalows).

During the year 8 bungalows were completed and handed over to the Council by Mrs. Slater and Miss Irene Slater in memory of the late John Slater M.P., to be let to old Adlington born people at a nominal rent of 5/- in perpetuity, plus rates and water charges.

The Council propose to build 20 dwellings in 1961, some of these to be Old People's Bungalows.

Overcrowding or Housing Shortage.

During the year 22 applications for houses were received, 3 of these being from people living outside Adlington. Three applications were for Old People's Bungalows. Only 4 applicants in Adlington were without a home of their own, 3 of these being young married couples.

There were no cases of overcrowding on the Council's list at the end of 1960.

Rent Act, 1957.

Part II of the First Schedule.

No. of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	...	Nil
No. of Certificates issued	...	Nil
No. of Undertakings given by Landlords to remedy defects	...	Nil
No. of Applications in which defects were remedied immediately after Local Authority's notice	...	Nil
No. of applications withdrawn	...	Nil
No. of Certificates of Disrepair revoked	...	Nil

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the
Factories Act, 1937.
Part I of the Act.

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	10	20	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	17	30	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (exc. Outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	27	50	-	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>No. of cases.</u>	
Want of Cleanliness	...	-
Overcrowding	...	-
Unreasonable temperature	...	-
Inadequare ventilation	...	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	...	-
Sanitary Conveniences:		
a. insufficient	...	-
b. unsuitable or defective	...	-
c. not separate for sexes	...	-
Other offences against the Act (not relating to outwork)	...	-

PART VIII of the Act

Outwork

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August List.	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing) Apparel) Making etc. Cleaning & Washing.	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply.

In April 1956 the Milk (Special Designations)(Specified Areas) Order came into force, and so far as Adlington is concerned, retailers now sell only designated milk - Tuberculin-tested, Pasteurised or Sterilised.

There are 3 producer-retailers with premises in Adlington and 4 retailers with premises outside the district retailing milk in Adlington. In addition there are 4 shops licensed to sell Sterilized Milk.

The licensing of Milk Retailers is now the responsibility of the Lancashire County Council and not the Local Authority.

(b) Meat.

There is no licensed Slaughterhouse within the district.

There are 5 Butchers and one Pork Butcher in the district, and 24 visits were made to these shops during the year, and to meat preparing premises.

(c) Other Foods.

Places where other foods are prepared or kept for sale are inspected frequently by the Public Health Inspector.

There are 8 small bakehouses and 5 fried fish shops in the district - all are kept in a satisfactory condition.

36 inspections of places where food is prepared were made during the year by the Public Health Inspector.

The following list gives the number of food premises by type of business in the district at the end of the year under review :-

General Grocers and provision dealers ...	23
Greengrocers & fruiterers (inc. fishmongers etc.)..	8
Fishmongers (inc. poultry, game, etc.) only ...	-
Meat shops (butchers, cooked & preserved meat, etc.) ...	6
Bakers and/or Confectioners ...	9
Fried Fish Shops ...	5
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream etc. ...	10
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, cafes, snack bars ...	18

Unsound Food

During the year, the following food was surrendered as unfit for human consumption :-

Tinned vegetables	...	25 lbs.
Tinned fruit	...	91 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Tinned meat	...	29 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Tinned tomatoes	...	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Tinned milk and cream	...	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Ice-Cream

Ice-cream retailed in shops throughout the district is confined to pre-packed standard brands, but two small manufacturers from neighbouring districts retail from travelling vans in Adlington.

Food Hygiene Regulations

68 visits have been made to food premises during the year, and it is apparent that retailers are observing the Food Hygiene Regulations as far as they possibly can, and in no case has statutory action been necessary.

RODENT CONTROL

The following table gives the work done during the year.

Type of Property

	Local Authority	Dwelling houses	Agricultural.	All other inc. business prem:	Total
Total no. of properties in Local Authority's District.	8	1385	14	247	1654
No. of properties inspected by Local Authority during 1960 as a result of					
(a) Notification	(a) 1	8	-	1	10
(b) Survey or otherwise	(b) 8	68	14	27	109
No. of properties inspected (see above) found to be infested with Rats	Major -	-	-	-	-
	Minor 1	8	-	1	10
No. of properties inspected (see above) found to be seriously infested with Mice	-	-	-	-	-
No. of Block Control Schemes carried out	Nil				

PREVENTION OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year the following cases were notified :-

		<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>
Measles	...	14	53
Scarlet Fever	...	12	1
Whooping Cough	...	27	-
Dysentery	...	2	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	-	2
Pneumonia	...	2	-
Tuberculosis	...	1	2

It is gratifying to note that this is the 16th successive year without a Diphtheria case notified.

Tuberculosis

One new case of pulmonary Tuberculosis was added to the Register during the year, as against two in 1959. This case was a transfer into Adlington from Horwich.

The total number of cases on the Register at the end of the year was 13, of which 9 were pulmonary and 4 were non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

Anthrax

On 1st December, 1960, the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Amendment Regulations, 1960, came into operation.

The Regulations provide for the notification by medical practitioners to Medical Officers of Health of all cases of Anthrax. All medical practitioners in the District were informed of the Regulations.

